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	OVERNIGHT REPORTS	
	(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)	
	<u>Iran</u>	
	According to a late press report, Mehdi Bazargan, Ayatollah Khomeini's designee to head a provisional government said in an interview that he plans to outline the shape of his government in a speech on Friday. Barzargan said he probably would not announce a cabinet until next week.	25X1
	One Tehran newspaper last night ran a list of Bazargan's supposed designees.	25X1
	USSR-Romania	
	The US Embassy in Moscow reported yesterday that Romanian Foreign Minister Andrei's visit to the USSR last week did not seem to resolve the differences that surfaced between the Romanians and Soviets after last November's meeting of the Warsaw Pact Political Consultative Committee. The Embassy noted a clear strain in the luncheon speeches of Andrei and Foreign Minister Gromyko but did find some evidence in the communique that the Romanians may have bowed slightly toward closer consultations, if not cooperation, within the Warsaw Pact framework. The most notable aspect of the communique, however, was its avoidance of troublesome subjects: China, the Middle East, Vietnam-Kampuchea, relations within CEMA, and prospects for increased bilateral mili-	
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#### Italy

Ambassador Gardner has passed along the private comments of Alberto Ronchey, the prominent political columnist for the Corriere della Sera, on the domestic political situation. Ronchey believes that national elections have become 80 to 90 percent certain and that unless the Communists suffer an unlikely drop of at least 5 percent they will have a good chance of attaining cabinet posts. Once in, Ronchey contends, they would prove hard to dislodge and would move Italian foreign policy slowly but surely toward neutralism. Ronchey adds, however, that if the Communists fail to enter the government this year they might not for the indefinite future, given the apparent electoral tide and changing intellectual fashions. Ambassador Gardner is not prepared at this time to endorse Ronchey's "gloomy" analysis but concludes that it nonetheless is a useful reminder of the "dangerous passage" Italy is now entering.

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### Spain

The official 21-day campaign period for the general election on 1 March began today. Opinion polls published yesterday in Madrid newspapers gave the Socialists of Felipe Gonzalez a narrow lead over Prime Minister Suarez' Union of the Democratic Center, but approximately 40 percent of those polled said they were undecided or did not intend to vote. The election is Spain's first under the constitution approved in December.

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#### Bulgaria

The US Embassy in Sofia is scotching rumors and speculation in Western media concerning possible conflicts within the Bulgarian leadership. The reports have focused on absences of the Foreign Minister and two other Politburo participants from ceremonial occasions, such as the recent visits of Soviet President Brezhnev and Polish party chief Gierek. The Embassy reports the absences apparently resulted from physical rather than political ailments; one official reportedly was suffering from a bad cold acquired while serving as the official greeter at Brezhnev's first stop in Bulgaria. The Embassy has confirmed that the other two men recently were seriously injured in separate road accidents. The Foreign Minister visited his office briefly on Monday and is said to be substantially recovered.

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